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TELEGRAPHIC.

BATTLEFORD, 3 Nov., 1881.

The reportorial party arrived from the west to-day. The Mail correspondent was the first here, entirely out of provisions.

Thomas Anderson, the new timber inspector for the North-West, left to-day for Edmonton, which will be his headquarters.

The regulations respecting timber for the use of settlers have been modified so as to give them every chance to get along.

Large quantities of freight on the way west.

The Edmonton Branch of the C. P. R. crosses the South Branch a little above the telegraph line.

Buffalo continue plentiful at Red Deer Forks and eastward. Numerous parties have gone from here and St. Laurent to get meat.

Snow eight inches deep is reported in Touchwood Hills.

The four Stonies that were brought in were tried and acquitted, there being no evidence against them.

Weather here raining and mild.

HUMBOLDT, 3 Nov., 1881.

Mr. W. B. Scarth, the Scottish, Ontario and Manitoba Land Company Commissioner, passed by here two weeks ago on his way to Carlton. From there he will go to Prince Albert and thence to Carrot River, where he intends to take up land. He has taken up two townships at Shell River for settlement next summer. Hon. J. Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, Lt.-Col. Domville, member for King's county, N. B., and others from Winnipeg accompanied him as far as Qu'Appelle. He returned to-day from Carrot River and is now on his way homewards to Toronto. He is well satisfied with this country. Had it not been so late in the season he would have gone as far as Edmonton.

Bishop Maclean from Prince Albert, and Mr. L. Clarke from Carlton, were here at the same time. Mr. Clarke was then on his way to Ottawa.

Mr. Hughes, of Duck Lake, passed here last night, returning from Winnipeg with his bride.

Mr. T. Long, from Ontario, who had been to Edmonton with freight, was here to-day.

Government employees here are building a store house.

Some two weeks ago we had five inches of snow. It all melted away in a couple of days. We then had a few very cold and foggy days, but the weather is fine now.

FORT PELLY, 3 Nov., 1881.

Prof. Macoun and party passed down some time ago, having taken in lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis, also Red Deer and Swan Rivers. They will go down the Assiniboine to Winnipeg. He is said to be favorably impressed with the country through which he passed.

The mail gets here semi-occasionally now. Fort Ellice being the nearest point on mail route, 130 miles distant.

The "pin" fever is very prevalent among the Indians in this neighborhood. Some of them were attacked so bad the other day that they made a dash at a certain cook house during the absence of the inmates and guzzled a good quantity of bread. Police are on their path.

Weather bright and cold. No snow here.

Bill Mowat and Dank McDonald got away with a bear not long since.

No drinks to be had here.

BENNETT'S income from the New York Herald is \$750,000 a year.

A RAILROAD called the New York & Newfoundland, is being built in Newfoundland.

CROPS in Dakota seem to be about as far off their base as in the Saskatchewan, and from the same cause—wet weather. Enough has been threshed to show that the average per acre will be one third less than last year.

LOCAL.

Ploughing still going ahead.

FLOUR very scarce yet at \$10 to \$15 per hundred.

CARPENTERS' wages are from \$2.50 per day to \$4.00, according to ability.

MAIL was due here last Saturday. It passed Battleford two days behind time.

Two wagons with supplies for St. Albert Mission arrived from Benton on Wednesday evening.

THE H.B.C. town lots are being bought up so rapidly that the surveyor is kept busy laying them out.

MR. W. CUST has threshed out his lower farm and has 2,000 bushels of wheat and 700 bushels of barley.

JOHN LENNIE got 295 lbs flour out of 5 bushels and ten pounds of wheat, at the steam mill on Friday.

THE telegraph line is still down east of Pelly, but is expected to work again as soon as cold weather sets in.

NOTHING has been done in the way of lumbering this fall yet, as every one is waiting the arrival of the timber inspector, not knowing what Ottawa lunacy he may be commissioned to carry out.

MR. D. ROSS has 52 seed onions that weigh 45 pounds. They are of the Yellow Danvers and Red Weatherfield varieties, and were sowed last fall. He has planted parsnips, carrots and onions this fall.

J. GORE's carts arrived on Thursday last via Ft. Saskatchewan. They met J. Inkster's carts two days beyond the Vermillion. He had lost an iron bound cart and drowned an animal in the Beaver River. They met Capt. Moore a day beyond the Vermillion. He was out of flour, and had only a handful of biscuits.

THE new school house, according to the specifications on which the tenders were made, is to be 24x30, with 12 feet walls and porch, balloon frame. Lower floor double inch, with upper layer dressed, inside walls and ceiling dressed, ceiling 10 feet high. Outside walls dressed boards and battons, walls to be filled with sawdust well rammed down. Roof to be laid with tar paper between the shingles. Brick chimney, one double door, six windows twelve light sash, 10x14 glass, and four windows 10x14 glass, eight light sash. Doors and windows with frames to have two coats of paint. To be fitted inside with teacher's desk, 12 forms four feet long and 12 desks four feet long, blackboard 4x23, and all other ordinary fixtures. Building to be complete and ready for occupation on the 1st of January. Four tenders were received—\$1,240, \$1,225, \$1,201 and \$905.

JOE MACDONALD arrived from Fort Pitt on Tuesday last. He, with his two boys, had gone with ten carts for steamboat freight. At Pitt he was delayed ten days owing to ice running in the river and the difficulty of crossing the freight in a leaky skiff. On his return trip, instead of crossing the Vermillion, he followed the trail made by Donald McLeod during the summer. He says that trail is very bad, and much longer than is necessary, and thinks that Donald must, while making it, have been employed by Government to count all the rat lakes in that country. While in the worst of the road, one of his boys took sick of scarlet fever, and, as he and the remaining boy were unable to attend to the sick one and the ten carts, he left the carts about 100 miles from here and came in sight with the sick child, making the distance in four days, the last day being from the Beaver River to here, about 59 miles. He intended to leave again yesterday, after getting his horses shod, to bring the carts. The child is recovering. His loads were for the H. B. Co., Mr. D. Ross, and Mr. W. Anderson, Indian Agent. While he was at Pitt the steamer discharged a quantity of Edmonton freight, part of which was flour, at Battleford.

MAIL arrived on Friday evening.

REV. MR. BAIRD will hold service to-morrow in the Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

At the school meeting on Friday evening, the trustees were empowered to procure a loan of \$500, to collect subscriptions and let the contract to Messrs. Oliver & McDonald, the lowest tenderers, if a satisfactory loan could be secured.

A MEETING of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church at Edmonton was held in Oliver & McDonald's office on Thursday evening last for the purpose of organizing a congregation. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baird. Mr. D. S. McKay was elected chairman, and Mr. John Cameron, secretary. The first motion was, "That we do now organize a Presbyterian church in the city of Edmonton," which was carried, and twenty-two names were given in as members or adherents. The constitution of Knox church, Winnipeg, was read clause by clause and adopted with two amendments—that the committee of management be six instead of nine, and that three instead of five constitute a quorum. The members of the managing committee for the year are D. S. McKay, John Cameron, D. S. Fraser, Jas. McDonald, and Geo. Guillou who were elected by ballot. Mr. John Cameron was then elected clerk, and Jas. McDonald treasurer of the managing committee, and Messrs. J. A. McDougall and W. Leslie Wood auditors. The committee was empowered to make arrangements to secure a place of worship for the present, and to select a building site on the H.B.C. property. This concluded the business of the meeting, which was closed with the benediction.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 3rd November, 1881. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood, observer at Edmonton.

	MIN.	MAX.
Friday,	25	43
Saturday,	24	47
Sunday,	24	45
Monday,	30	58
Tuesday,	24	43
Wednesday,	13	42
Thursday,	32	47

Weather for the most part fair and calm. .03 of an inch of rain fell during Wednesday evening the 2nd inst.

Nearly an inch of snow fell on the morning of November 1st.

Highest wind during the week was Tuesday, Nov. 1st, being one mile an hour. Same on Monday evening, 31st. Every other observation in the week a perfect calm.

THE Midland railway of Ontario has survey parties out locating a line to Sault Ste. Marie, about 300 miles beyond its present terminus. The Ontario Government has voted one million dollars to the enterprise, and will subsidize it further if necessary. This is done to secure a share of the North-West trade to Ontario, and in grateful consideration of the kind intentions of the C.P.R. to that Province.

THE Halifax Recorder says that the N.P. seems to be fatal to manufacturing enterprises in Halifax. At least half a dozen—three of the very largest—have become paralyzed since its operation. It is fatal to private enterprise, it is an incubus on Nova Scotia. Since 1878 every little while a large manufacturing concern has succumbed under the benign influence of the N.P.

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PUBLIC MEETING.

A meeting called by Mr. R. S. McGinn, H. E. Co. Land Agent, was held at Ross' Hotel on Tuesday evening last for the purpose of discussing the location of Main street and the Market Square on the H.B.C. town site. About one hundred residents of the immediate vicinity attended. Mr. R. Bourne was elected chairman and Mr. J. A. McDougall secretary.

Mr. McGinn being called upon stated, in regard to the H.B.C.'s property, that lots were 10x150 feet, and that they would be sold at the rate of \$50 for corner and \$25 for side lots. Terms, one-third cash down and the balance in two equal annual instalments. He further stated that at present he was only able to give an interim receipt for payment on lots sold, but as soon as the plan of the town plot was registered, parties paying the full price of their lots would receive a clear deed, and those paying only a portion down would get a guarantee that a deed would be forthcoming when the final payment was made. Parties are required to erect a building inside of eighteen months from the date of purchase, on at least every second lot. Lots will be given for schools and churches, and liberal inducements in the shape of lots will be given to parties starting manufacturers. It had been decided to set apart one block, containing twenty lots, for a market square, and the meeting was requested to decide which block would be most acceptable. It was also left to the people to say which street on the plan should be Main street, the Company agreeing to grade it and make it 100 feet wide. Two lots would be given for school purposes, and two adjoining lots sold, if desired by the trustees, for the same purpose.

It was decided that the street running from the Methodist church on the east to the Episcopal church on the west side of the property should be Main street, and that the market square should be block seven in range eight, on Main street, near the western end of the race track.

This concluded the business for which the meeting was called, but a school meeting was organized immediately, with the same chairman and secretary, for the purpose of electing trustees to select the school lots and attend to the erection of a school house. Mr. W. Howland was chosen for the eastern, Mr. Macaulay for the central and Mr. Groat for the western portion of the town. The trustees are to decide amongst themselves what kind of a building would be most suitable, and to call for tenders for the erection of the same. Another meeting will be called by the trustees to lay before the public their plans and specifications and a report of tenders received for the erection of the building.

A LETTER to the Globe speaks thus forcibly of the Indian Agent at Cypress Hills:—"He is known as Captain Allen, a man at one time an officer in the Police Force, from which position he was dismissed for a fraud discovered in his forage returns by which 22,000 lbs. of oats were lost. He was afterward in charge of the trading post of Latah & Gordon at Wood Mountain, and was dismissed by that firm for dishonesty to them and robbery of the Indians which almost caused a serious outbreak. He was then appointed Indian Agent, through the influence of a relative in the Government, and some weeks ago was fined by Col. MacLeod \$20 for house-breaking, barely escaping imprisonment for a lengthy term."

The Canada Pacific Syndicate will issue \$10,000,000 worth of five per cent. bonds at 3% I-2, the Montreal Bank to take one-quarter of the amount. The issue will be divided equally between New York and Montreal. The amount taken by the Montreal Bank will be sold in thirteen monthly instalments, at not less than par.

THERE is every prospect of the cultivation of sorghum becoming a success in the Ottawa district. Some samples have been exhibited twelve feet six inches long. If it can be raised successfully at Ottawa it is probable that it could also be raised here.

ANOTHER regiment of British troops has been withdrawn from Halifax, leaving only one battalion of regular infantry in Canada.

GENERAL NEWS.

FOREST fires have caused great damage in Ontario this fall.

Crops in Manitoba and Eastern Canada are said to be considerably over the average.

The town of Yale, B.C., was destroyed by fire on the 18th of August last. Loss about \$300,000.

The population of the town of Eureka, New Mexico, numbering 70 souls, have been killed by Indians.

SMITH's flouring mills, Portage la Prairie, have been totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$12,000, insurance \$5,000.

THE Northern Pacific Railroad Co. has purchased the right of way through the Crow reservation in Montana for \$25,000.

News of President Garfield's death was brought in by way of Fort McLeod last week, and has since been confirmed by telegraph.

UNOCCUPIED land in the settlement belt along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers is valued by the Government at \$5 per acre.

THE Western Union Telegraph Co. of the United States now controls all lines in the Dominion. Very creditable to the Dominion.

THE Ulster Orangemen have organized a force of 450 men to reap the crops and dig the roots on "Boycotted" estates in Ireland.

Two companies of American troops have been started from Fort Assiniboine against Little Mountain's band of Plain Stoneyes, who are now north of the line after buffalo.

THE mayor and councillors of Victoria, B.C., in an address to Sir Charles Tupper, approved of the agreement with the Syndicate, and asked for the building of the Island Railway.

A PROCLAMATION appeared in the Manitoba Official Gazette on the 18th of August last extending the laws of Manitoba, except those relating to the liquor traffic, to the newly acquired territory of that Province.

THE first number of the Manitoba Monetary Times, Clarence E. Steele, publisher, came to hand by last mail. It is somewhat weak as to original matter, but will probably improve with age. It is on the plan of the Toronto Monetary Times.

THE Russian Government is trying to cause an emigration to Nova Zembla, an island within the Arctic Circle, by giving 350 roubles and five years' freedom from taxes to every able-bodied man who will emigrate there. They have a simpler and cheaper way of encouraging emigration to Siberia.

VICE PRESIDENT OAKES declares that the Northern Pacific Railway Company will soon lend a hand to develop the Canadian North-West by establishing lines throughout the territory. If an unsubsidized railway can earn dividends in the North-West what a very good thing the C.P.R. Co. have in their bonus of \$110,000,000

OWING to the large number of desertions the Department of the Interior have found it necessary to secure additional recruits for the North-West Mounted Police force. The conditions of employment are five years' service, a free kit on joining, free rations, and pay, forty cents per day first year, fifty-five cents per day the second year, sixty cents per day the third year, sixty-five cents per day the fourth year, and seventy-five cents per day the fifth year, with extra pay at the rate of fifteen cents per day to artizans.

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GRISTS are coming in to the steam mill a little livelier.

SINGING class every Friday evening in the Methodist church.

COL. JARVIS is putting up a building on Donald McLeod's estate.

THE Saskatchewan is fordable now at the rapid just above the Fort.

MR. G. ANDERSON, of the Miners' Flat, is getting ready to burn a kiln of lime.

THE roads except in the immediate vicinity of Edmonton, are still far from good.

BRICK chimneys, with coal grates, are getting fashionable here now, and are very comfortable.

A NEW ferry on the Saskatchewan, about seven miles down, near the Hermitage, is talked of for next summer.

MOST of the lots sold on the H.B.C. property are on Main street and the cross street leading to the steamboat landing.

MACDONALD and Yates, who left for the Mountains early last spring to prospect for gold, have never been heard of since.

CROPS on the Indian reserve at Saddle Lake are good, one Indian, Job, having 400 bushels of grain. Fish are not very plentiful.

HORSE RACE to-day on the flat above the Fort. Half mile, \$25 a side, between Colin Fraser's Young Rorie and A. McNicol's Black.

MR. F. LAMOREAUX threshed 500 bushels of oats off ten acres, for Mr. J. Reid of Fort Saskatchewan, lately. Not bad for a bad year.

ALTHOUGH the weather is warm here, thin ice is floating in the river all the time, which hints that there is cold weather in the Mountains.

BUFFALO are said to be plentiful around the Hand Hills, about 150 miles south east of here, and a number of Indians have left in that direction.

TENDERS are asked for the clearing of Main street, on the H.B.C. property, 80 feet wide, leaving ten feet on each side uncleared. Tenders to be opened to-day.

SOME person or persons were amusing themselves last Sunday afternoon by pistol firing in the bushes near Oliver & McDonald's carpenter shop, thereby scandalizing the highly moral and religious citizens of this metropolis.

ANOTHER game of cricket was played at the ground near the Fort on Monday afternoon last, and in the evening a meeting was held in Villiers & Pearson's store, at which an athletic association was organized. All necessary material will be procured this winter and sports will commence with the early spring.

CHARLES WHITFORD, of Prince Albert, is taking the census now at Victoria, Lac la Biche and adjacent settlements. These places are in the Battleford census district, while they should properly belong to Edmonton, being only about one quarter the distance from here that they are from Battleford.

REV. MR. BAIRD, lately appointed by the Presbytery of Manitoba to this place, arrived on Saturday last, via Ft. Saskatchewan. He travelled alone from Winnipeg, and made the distance in 31 days' travelling. The Vermilion was still high when he crossed, on a raft. A small bridge had been put on the Beaver.

A LETTER from Rev. Mr. Robertson, Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in the North-West, speaks in the most complimentary terms of the Rev. Mr. Baird. He says: "The minister was long in reaching you, owing to circumstances over which we had no control, but many envy you the one you are getting." Mr. Robertson expects to be able to visit Edmonton next summer.

Sgt. GELDERT and two men arrived from Battleford on Monday last to reinforce the police at Ft. Saskatchewan. They were to have taken the trail direct to Ft. Saskatchewan, and oats had been sent out for their use, but not being acquainted with the country they kept the telegraph trail and came in here by Hay Lakes. Sgt. Geldert had his hand severely cut in getting the wagon and horses out of a slough in which they were mired, having broken through the ice. They brought ten horses, and went on to Ft. Saskatchewan on Tuesday.

MONDAY night was Hallow Eve, and was duly celebrated by some of the boys, who blockaded the road with carts turned upside down.

A LARGE amount of Edmonton goods was left at Fort Pitt by the steamer on her last trip up, which will have to be freighted up this winter.

THE Manitoba Monetary Times says that "James Douglass is surveying the Saskatchewan Branch of the C. P. R., from the main line at the crossing of Moose Jaw Creek, to the Big Bend of the Battle River, thence to Edmonton by way of Hay Lakes. Mr. Douglass has now nearly reached the South Saskatchewan, and will get through this winter."

THE following buildings have been completed or put under contract in this place since the 6th of June last: Brown & Curry's store, log, 23x34, cost \$1,300; Jas. McDonald's dwelling house, frame, 20x25, cost \$800; A. Macdonald & Co. addition to store, frame, cost \$100, Jas. McDonald, contractor. Jas. Lake, frame dwelling, 20x26, cost \$800; J. A. McDougall's store and hall, frame, cost \$850; Oliver & McDonald's shop and office, frame, 18x40, cost \$450; Jas. Lauder, hotel, frame, 20x30, two stories, with kitchen 16x18, under contract, and stable completed, 24x26, total cost \$1,650; H. Bannerman, 18x24, dwelling, \$600; C. Stewart, frame stable, 20x25, \$500; D. McLeod, frame dwelling, cost \$800; W. Keith, story and a half dwelling, cost \$500, under contract, Oliver & McDonald, contractors. L. Kelly, shoe shop and dwelling, 18x24, and Villiers & Pearson's store house, 18x24, cost \$400; Cronkrite Bros., contractors; X. St. Jean, store, 25x31, two stories, cost \$900, and shop 18x40, cost \$450, built by owner; D. McLeod, two buildings, 18x24, cost \$1,200; J. Stanton builder of one and W. J. Graham of the other; J. Goodrich, kitchen, 18x26, cost four hundred and fifty dollars; W. Humberstone, log house, 18x22, cost two hundred and fifty dollars; Hogarth Bros., house, 16x22, cost two hundred and fifty dollars; J. Newlands, dwelling house, 18x24, cost six hundred dollars; J. Brewster, log blacksmith shop, 20x26, cost two hundred dollars; Hardisty & Fraser, addition to house, 18x18, cost three hundred dollars; Brown & Curry, addition to store, cost one hundred dollars, built by owners. The total cost of these buildings is about twelve thousand dollars. Besides these there is the large H. B. Co. steamboat warehouse under way, and a large number of other buildings projected, amongst which are the school house to cost about one thousand dollars; D. S. McKay, a dwelling, Mr. Dawes, a dwelling, and Mr. J. Gore, a billiard hall. The cost of building material is twenty-five to thirty-five dollars per 1,000 for rough lumber and forty-five dollars for dressed, 25 cents per pound for nails, 30 cents a pane for 10x12 glass, and twenty dollars per thousand for brick for chimneys.

It is said that the Syndicate will fix the Thunder Bay terminus of the Pacific Railway at neither Prince Arthur's Landing nor Fort William, but at Current Bay, some distance east of the former place, and further up the bay.

AS THE surveys in Manitoba are made it is found that sections which should be available for school sections are already occupied, it is said, in not a few instances by the Syndicate for station grounds and other purposes. Be this as it may, the Acting Minister of the Interior has given notice that some twenty-five specified sections are withdrawn from sale and settlement, and are reserved for school purposes in lieu of the school sections already occupied.

THE Syndicate offered to run one of their branch lines into the town of Morris on condition that one-half of the town site should be given up to them by way of bonus. The offer being refused, they determined to run the line past the town at a distance of five miles. A delegation from the citizens then waited on them and offered town and farm property worth \$200,000, together with a cash bonus of \$5,000, if the road were made to run to the town. The delegates were informed that no bonus they could offer would induce any change in the route of the line, but for the one they had offered a spur might be built to connect them with it.

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NAVIGATION.

The wreck of the steamer City of Winnipeg, formerly the Manitoba, as she was being brought across Lake Winnipeg, is a great loss, not only to the owners, but to the people of the whole Saskatchewan country, as it will be impossible to put another boat in her place in time to be of much service next season. Each year the necessity for more and improved steamers on the river is more severely felt, as the population increases and the country develops, and each year the difficulties of the roads between Winnipeg and here become greater. During the season now nearly over, it was no uncommon thing for carts to be three months on the way, while the distance could be made by steamer with all ease in twenty days. As the country opens up heavy goods, such as machinery, stoves and building hardware, are more needed. But the difficulty of bringing such articles in carts is so great as to almost prevent their being brought, and when they do get here the cost of freighting is so great as to put the price almost out of reach. The Saskatchewan is considered by some not to be fit for navigation to any extent, but it must be very bad indeed if it is not better than slow-going oxen on a muddy road 1,000 miles long.

It is now six years since the Northcote, a large river steamer, was put on by the H. B. Co., and each year she has made from one to three trips from Grand Rapids to Edmonton, besides short trips to points further down the river. The Lily, a smaller iron boat, drawing over three feet of water, has run three seasons, principally from Carlton to Edmonton. She was very liable to damage by rocks, as her iron was only an eighth of an inch thick, so last winter she was sheeted on the bottom with two inch plank to give her additional strength, but the extra weight and bulk has made her so unwieldy as to be of very little use. It is proposed to lay her up and use the engines to run a mill at Carrot River. These boats were owned and run by the H. B. Co. principally for their own use, and cannot be said to have been a very great benefit to the country at large; but they proved beyond a doubt that the river was navigable, and if it could be navigated by such boats as the Northcote and Lily, there is no doubt that, with the knowledge of the river now gained, boats could be built that would give a great deal more satisfaction.

Now that the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Company have assumed control of the line, it is presumable that it will be run to better advantage and more in the public interest. A good line of boats on the river would do nearly as much to open up the country as the railroad itself, and would, for all time to come, offer strong competition to the railroad, especially on eastern bound freight.

An advantage that a line of boats on the Saskatchewan would have over one on the Red or Assiniboine rivers is that full loads (coal and lumber) could be had for every return trip; in fact that is what is principally needed for the development of these two industries.

When the Lake Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Railway is completed, as it will be ultimately, it, in connection with the navigation of the Saskatchewan, will form the shortest and most natural outlet for the surplus produce of this country on its way to the English market, putting Edmonton on nearly as good a footing for the shipping of grain as St. Paul is now.

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS.

How far the Government will recognize the rights of those who have taken up unsurveyed land in this country is a question that is daily assuming more importance. The people have taken up land, built on and occupied it and made their homes here, have supplied the necessities of life to Government survey parties and treaty Indians on occasion, have shown by practical test the capabilities of the country, have pioneered for the hosts that are to people it in the near future and fill the joint purse of Syndicate and Government with the products of their toil, and now, in the innocence of their hearts, they imagine that the land is theirs. They think that when the Government surveys are made, they who were the first to occupy and improve the land will receive the title. Whether they will or not remains to be seen.

While dozens of surveyors were sent from Ottawa last summer to survey the country beyond the new settlements, no notice whatever was taken of the settlements further west. Their very existence was and is entirely ignored. In the meantime the number of squatters, at least in this district, has been largely increased, and the bickerings, consequent on claims crowding each other, are becoming very bitter. Disputes are continually taking place, which there are no means of deciding in the absence of any titles to the land. Such a state of affairs is, of course, a great drawback to the country, and the best proof of its goodness is that so much money has been invested in it as there has.

The time is rapidly approaching when the question of the ownership of the land must be decided. When the railroad is built, and the Company assert their claim to each alternate section, then the trouble will begin. People will not give up their land, neither will they pay for what is already theirs by every principle of justice, and no Government will be able to overlook their rights. If their rights have to be recognized at last, why could it not have been done long ago, or why can it not be done now. The fact of the Government shutting their eyes to squatters being here will only make the matter worse, and the longer the recognition of their right is delayed the greater the trouble and dissatisfaction when it has to be done. Let no one imagine that those who have, amid the greatest difficulties and hardships, made homes for themselves in this country, will tamely submit to the confiscation of the fruits of their labor because the Government were not energetic enough to have the land surveyed in time.

OUR Agricultural Society, the first ever organized in the North-West, appears to have gone decidedly dead. The first show was held fall before last, and although the prizes were reasonably large and numerous a considerable balance of money remained to the credit of the society. In the winter following a meeting was held, at which a large amount of money in addition was subscribed,

and it was decided to spend a small amount in the purchase of garden and field seeds, to be procured by mail. The seeds were purchased but did not arrive in time for sowing last year. Last fall nothing was done, but in the spring the seed was distributed by the parties appointed, and the time has now arrived for a return to be made. The seeds were of many kinds, embracing some new and costly varieties, and it would be interesting to every one to know how they have thriven, and if any of them could be profitably grown. Besides, parties receiving the seed were to account to the society for it, which would put more wealth still into the society's purse. It is rather too bad in a new country like this to let an institution of such usefulness fall through, not from lack of funds but merely from lack of interest. There is no doubt that here, where new varieties of seeds and animals are so much needed and so hard to get, the society could be worked to the great advantage of the country in general and the members of the society in particular.

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